

# Montana Sportsmen ALLIANCE

Voice of Reason on Montana Fish and Wildlife Issues

TO THE SENATE FWP COMMITTEE:

**RE: SB 286** – An Act requiring a person entering a Hunting District to wear hunter orange, providing an exemption for private property.

**POSITION:** Montana Sportsmen Alliance **STRONGLY OPPOSES** this bill based on the following reasons:

- This is a safety issue – orange on a hunter is like brake lights on a car whether on public land or private land. Poor judgment, excitement or stupidity is not influenced by lines on a map.
- There is no such thing as an accident – only avoidable tragedies. These tragedies know no boundaries and are not limited to public land.
- Basically the whole state is divided into Hunting Districts, excluding National Parks and city limits. When do you put on and take off your orange vest?
- SB 285 and SB 197 require hunters of different ages to wear orange. This bill requires all hunters to wear orange, except on private land. This causes confusion and complicated published regulations. Continuity of regulations complements compliance and enforcement.
- A fine of \$10.00 to \$20.00 is hardly a sufficient deterrent for non-compliance.

Again, we most strongly state our **OPPOSITION** to SB 286.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Montana Sportsmen Alliance Leadership Group.

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